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Re: Orion Engineered Carbons, LLP

Dear Mr. Friedland:

I am writing to thank you and the other Orion Engineered Carbons, LLP and Evonik Degussa Corporation representatives for meeting on April 12, 2017 with the U.S. Department of Justice Environment and Natural Resources Division and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We appreciated your taking the time to provide the companies' views regarding the civil enforcement efforts involving Orion's facilities in Ivanhoe, Louisiana, Belpre, Ohio, Borger, Texas, and Orange, Texas. The presentation about the carbon black industry and Orion's operational and business concerns was very informative.

After careful consideration and consultation with EPA, the case team has been authorized to proceed with enforcement efforts in this matter. To that end, our attorneys will contact you soon to continue efforts toward a positive resolution of the United States' claims. I have also asked our team to coordinate with you on appropriate outreach to the States of Louisiana, Ohio, and Texas so that those states can have a key role in this matter going forward.

Finally, I want to emphasize that, while our sole objective in this enforcement case is to ensure compliance with the Clean Air Act, it is not our intent or desire to inject unfair competitive dynamics in the carbon black industry. I cannot address in this letter the status of enforcement actions or settlement discussions involving any other company, but when violations of the Clean Air Act are identified, rest assured we will take appropriate steps to ensure compliance with the law.

Kind regards,

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